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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US/GOA TALKS

REF: A) STYLES/BEAL TELCON JUNE 10; B) STATE 132246

1. AMBASSADOR BECKMANN AND COUNSELOR CLEMENT OF FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY JUNE 10 THAT DUE TO CHANGES IN KEY PERSONNEL IN TRANSPORT MINISTRY AND AEROLINEAS AS WELL AS CHANGE IN EFFECTIVE TRAVEL EXCHANGE RATE ON JUNE 9 FROM PESOS \$25 TO PESOS \$45 PER DOLLAR, GOA HOPED THE USG WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO POSTPONEMENT OF BILATERAL CIVAIR TALKS, SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 16, FOR ABOUT A MONTH. BECKMANN SAID USG SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT GOA HAS IN NO WAY LOST INTEREST IN TALKS, BUT THAT SOME TIME WAS NEEDED FOR NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR TRANSPORT TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH BACKGROUND AND TO CONSIDER EFFECTS OF RECENT GOA ECONOMIC MEASURES, ESPECIALLY CHANGE IN TOURIST DOLLAR RATE ON THE TRAVEL MARKET.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY EMBASSY, DR. JULIO PALAREA, FORMER HEAD OF THE NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INSURANCE BANK,  
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HAS BEEN NAMED SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC

WORKS, REPLACING SANTIAGO NOVARO. IT IS ALSO HELD TO BE CERTAIN THAT PRESIDENT MARTORANO (AND POSSIBLY OTHER OFFICIALS) OF AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS WILL BE REPLACED, PROBABLY BY BRIGADIER (RET.) SIXTO FERNANDEZ. IN ADDITION, BRIGADIER (RET.) HIGINIO GONZALEZ HAS BEEN NAMED NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORT, TAKING OVER FROM ACTING DIRECTOR MONSERRAT. WE ARE TOLD THERE MAY BE OTHER CHANGES IN THE DNTAC.

3. BECKMANN SAID EMBASSY WOULD LATER RECEIVE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION SUGGESTING POSTPONEMENT, BUT ASKED ECON COUNS TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT FOR PRELIMINARY REACTION. HE HOPED USG NEGOTIATING PLANS FOR SUMMER WOULD PERMIT RE-SCHEDULING OF TALKS AROUND MID-JULY.

4. FOLLOWING TELCN (REF A) AFTER ABOVE CONVERSATION, EMBASSY INFORMED CLEMENT THAT USG HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO POSTPONEMENT IF DESIRED BY GOA, ASSUMING PAN AM AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CHANGE OF GAUGE AT CARACAS AND FIFTH EXTENSION TO MONTEVIDEO TO BE CONTINUED AS AT PRESENT. WE WOULD ADVISE THE MINISTRY LATER AS TO POSSIBLE DATES IN JULY WHEN US NEGOTIATING TEAM COULD BE READY. INFORMATION IN PARA. 1, REFTTEL (B), ALSO PASSED TO CLEMENT.

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT IMPRESSIONS LATER OF THE NEW AIR TRANSPORT OFFICIALS. SO FAR, SUB-SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORTATION CERRAJERIA'S RESIGNATION HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED. FORTUNATELY, WE BELIEVE, IT APPEARS HE WILL REMAIN IN THE JOB.  
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